

The following care instructions are provided to help you maintain the condition of your Program issued immersion suit. It is your responsibility to perform visual inspections at least once each quarter and report any maintenance issues to your program manager. Program staff will inspect all safety equipment prior to issuance and will use an authorized Imperial Service Station to repair seams or zippers. All suits will be pressure tested and at 5 years from manufacture date and retired at 10 years.

- ☐ Examine for rips, tears, and punctures to suit
- ☐ Ensure zipper for ease in closure. Wax front and back of zipper with bee's or paraffin wax. Examine for obstructions in slider. Ensure all zipper teeth are in place. If zipper fails to close, return to manufacturer immediately.
- ☐ Ensure black high rider ring is in place. Check by inflating and submerging in water or let stand 24 hours to detect leaks.
- ☐ Ensure retroreflective tape is in place. Requirements call for 31 sq. inches on front and back. Replace where necessary.
- ☐ Ensure two-tone whistle is attached to suit.
- ☐ Ensure PFD light is attached and power source is USCG approved. Power source must be replaced on or before manufacturer's expiration date.
- ☐ Check toe valves for proper operation. Submerge foot of suit in water for one minute placing a hand under toe valve and feel for leaks. If leaks are detected, contact manufacturer immediately.
- ☐ Ensure suit is stenciled with USCG approval number & owner's or vessel's name.
- ☐ Do not dry clean or use solvents or cleaners on suit. Suit may be washed by hand with mild detergent and rinsed with fresh water. Ensure suit is thoroughly air dried before storage.
- ☐ To store, lay on flat surface with zipper in open position one inch from bottom and roll up to chest feet first. Fold arms over ends and hood folded over arms. Place into appropriate sized bag.
- ☐ When able, store flat or hang on broad hanger.

In addition to points above, check attachment of all signaling devices: These should include, Firefly strobe, signal mirror and a MiniB<sub>2</sub> EPIRB.

\*All suits will be marked with NMFS